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Letter dated 21 April 2017 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the Security Council

I have the honour to refer to the exchange of letters dated 11 September 2015 (S/2015/709) and 15 September 2015 (S/2015/710) between the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council on the appointment of Virginia Gamba (Argentina) as head of the independent, three-person leadership panel of the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons-United Nations Joint Investigative Mechanism. I have further the honour to refer to Security Council resolution 2319 (2016), by which the Council decided to renew the mandate of the Mechanism, as set out in resolution 2235 (2015), for an additional period of one year.

Further to the appointment of Ms. Gamba as my Special Representative for Children and Armed Conflict, effective 1 May 2017, following the usual consultations, and in coordination with the Director-General of the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons, I should like to inform you of my intention to appoint Mr. Edmond Mulet (Guatemala) as head of the leadership panel of the Joint Investigative Mechanism. He will assume overall responsibility, with two deputies responsible for the political and investigative components, respectively. Mr. Mulet served most recently as Chef de Cabinet to Secretary-General Ban Ki moon.

(*Signed*) António **Guterres**

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